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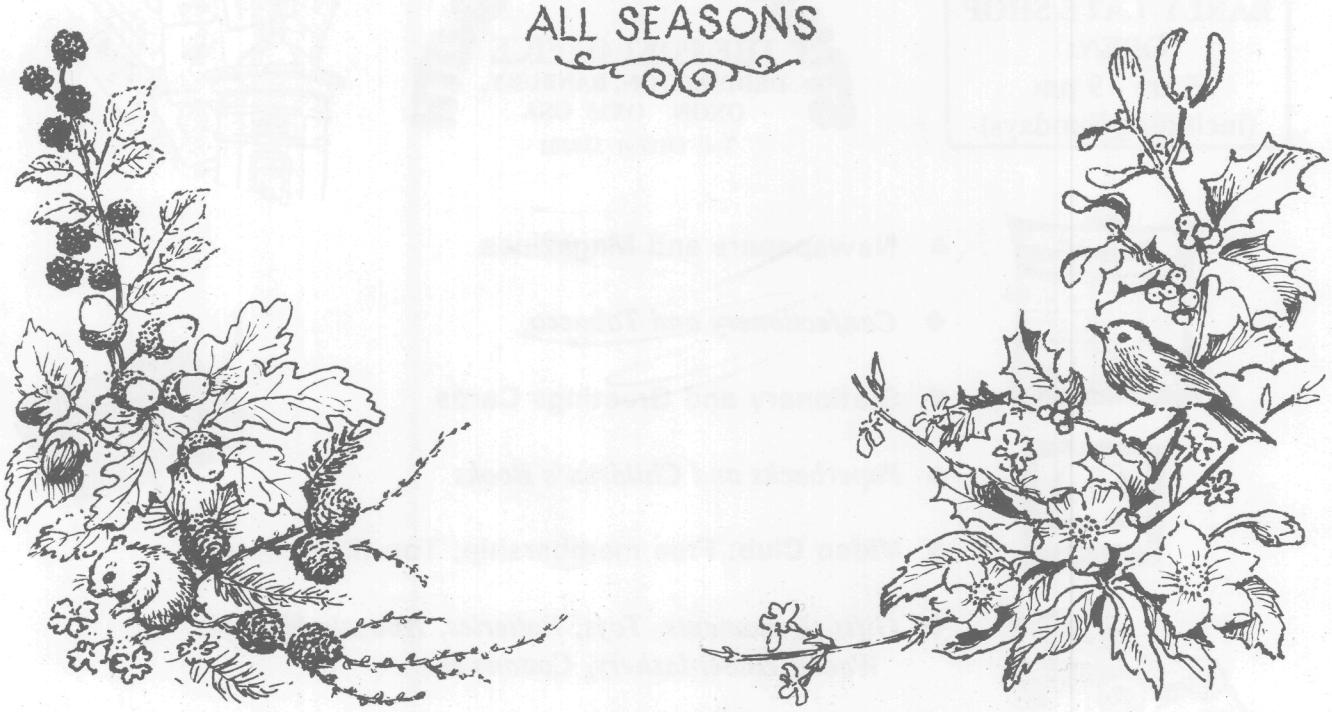

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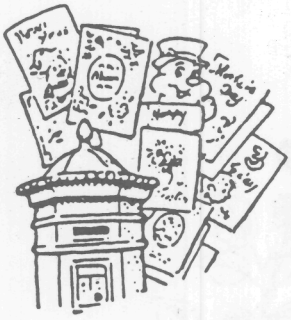

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Two years ago we appealed for your participation when we were obliged to make major repairs to a leaking roof. We were so grateful for your response. Now the heating system must be replaced, and that in haste before the winter. It is elderly and inefficient. If spare parts are needed, they have to be specially made. All the research work to find the most appropriate and cost effective modern system has been done. Now we must raise the £24,000 needed. We are sure you value the Parish church building as an important feature of our village. It is important that it continue to serve you, your children and your grandchildren. But it has to be maintained. Please help us by making a contribution towards the heating project in the enclosed envelope. A member of the Parochial Church Council will be calling to collect it,

With our thanks and best wishes,

Ken Reeves (Vicar)

Jean M. Flux (Hon. Treasurer)

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EDITORIAL

Sorry we're late but as you (probably) know DN printing dates depend on the school term. Talking of which: welcome to Peter Goringe as the new Head - and THANKS to all those who may well be involved in carting boxes of DN pages to the Parish Church (and to the Vicar for use of same) for collating this issue due to refurbishment upheavals in the school.

Congratulations to new Parish Councillor Brian Cosgrove (pp 3 & 14); it's good to know both Hempton and Clifton are represented on the PC, though what a pity we still don't get a regular news feature from Clifton.

While most people are digging in for the autumn I'm off to Australia for a few weeks. My deepest thanks again to **Norman and Angela Stone** (see p3 and above) who will be leading the editorial team for the October and November DNs.

Congratulations to both authors (p12); should you feel there is a hint of nepotism about the choice of reviews be assured that if you have a book recently published (and live in the parish) we'll be delighted to review it. Apologies again (p8).

And please note the Neighbourhood Watch appeal (p9). Also the **STOP PRESS** (p12) on the remarkable challenge faced by one Cliftonian.

Our Classified Ads feature forecast in the July issue turned out to be a damp squib, but we still think it's a good way of disposing of unwanted treasures or announcing some new service, so there's a reminder on page 14.

Finally, I thought the lighting of the Church tower on 20 August made a fitting permanent facility to commemorate the end of World War 2. Find out on page 3 how you can make it happen for you.

See you in November! Sylvie Spenceley Nickels

SEPTEMBER DIARY

Sat	9	Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride. (pp4 & 14)
Mon	11	Youth Club re-opens in the Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.
Sun	10	Deddington Players meeting, Windmill Centre, 3pm.(p 7)
Tu	12	WI: Mr E Bingham on British Deer, Holly Tree, 7.30pm.
Wed	13	U3A: Major Clift; Your Way Round St. Petersburg. Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Wed	13	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm.
Fr	15	British Legion re-opens, 8pm.(p 8)
Sat	16	British Legion. Harvest Festival, 7.30pm.
Tu	19	**COPY DATE FOR OCTOBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Sun	24	Harvest Festival, St John's, Hempton, 6pm. (pp4 & 14)
Wed	27	U3A: Huwel Evans; Geological Mystery Tour. Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Sat	30	Deddington Gardeners' Outing to Hillier's Arboretum.(p 8)
Sat	30	British Legion. The Men from Uncle.

OCTOBER DIARY

Sun	1	Harvest Festival, the Parish Church, Deddington, 10.30am. (p 4)
Th	5	Banbury Arts Society, Watercolour Workshop, Marlborough Rd Church Hall, 7.30pm.
Tu	10	WI: Mrs Ashbridge; 'A Taste of Cumbria', Holly Tree, 7.30pm.
Wed	11	U3A: Mrs Hazel Hall; How I First Became A Teacher. Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Sat	14	Art Exhibition and coffee morning in aid of children's work, Holly Tree .
Wed	18	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm.
Tu	24	**COPY DATE FOR NOVEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Wed	25	U3A: Mrs Jean Rendell; My Life as a Parson's Wife. Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Fr	27	Deddington Players One- act plays, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.
Sat	28	Deddington Players One -act plays, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.
Sat	28	British Legion, Kris Kelly.

NOTES on meeting held on 19 July at the Town Hall. Attended by Cllrs Brewer, Clarke, Colley, Drake, Fisher, Flux, Hill, Lee, Oddy, Stevens, Swash & Todd (Chair). Cty Cllr Matthews and Dist Cllr O'Sullivan were also present. Apologies: Cllr Clinch.

TENNIS CLUB: Mr John Cresswell asked PC to reconsider its decision not to grant funds for coaching three talented junior players. They are too good for the club's subsidised group coaching but not good enough to qualify for LTA support. He suggested the PC considered setting aside money each year for grants or bursaries to develop the sporting or cultural talents of local youngsters. Cllrs accepted the proposals in principle and after debate agreed to look into the possibilities, although they were unable to reverse their earlier decision for fear of setting a precedent.

COMPLAINTS: Cllrs agreed to adopt a Code of Practice for Local Councils in Handling Complaints, recommended by the National Association of Local Councils, which is in line with PC's current practice.

RECREATION & GRANTS: 1. Unanimous decision to grant £165 to Deddington FC towards cost of equipment for under-12 team at Castle Grounds, on condition they provide "kicking-in" area. 2. Request from Youth Club for £40 towards advertising for qualified youth leader. Cllrs were concerned this would lead to further requests for funding and were wary of helping to pay for advert if unable to give ongoing financial support later. They decided to meet with Youth Club for further discussion.

ENVIRONMENT: 1. PC to spend about £180 on a new litter bin at Hempton bus shelter and replacement/repairs to bins at Health Centre and Cemetery. 2. An anonymous donor has paid for a seat for Hempton Road footpath, which will be sited with a view across the valley. Cllrs expressed gratitude for the generous gesture. 3. PC to investigate various options for remedial work on bus shelters, to eliminate the wind-tunnel effect. 4. A report of rats in Earls Lane has been passed to CDC's pest control officer. 5. Flower troughs at the entries to the Parish are being maintained by Mr and Mrs Canning in Deddington and George Fenemore and St Anne's Residential Home in Clifton. Volunteers are sought for the Hempton troughs. 6. Cllr Brewer reported on survey of flower boxes, A-boards and other obstructions in the village centre. Cllrs wanted to show support to local businesses but were concerned about safety and legal aspects. They agreed that Cllr Brewer should have a friendly word with all concerned, asking them to be considerate. 7. Cllrs agreed to survey the Parish to assess the need for security lighting, as grants are available to light up dark places. One area has already been identified, on the north side of Horse Fair outside Holly Tree Club.

PLANNING & PROPERTY: 1. Cllrs raised no objections to applications for: new porch to cottage in Market Place; amended plans for garage at Tithe Cottage, Clifton; conversion from office to one bedroomed flat at Hayward & White, Market Place (with recommendation that designated parking space is used); extension to house in Duns Tew Road, Hempton; extension at Rose Bank, Hempton; amendment to extension at Kings Arms, Deddington. 2. Detailed plans submitted for two houses for farmworkers at Leadenporch Farm. Outline permission already granted but PC to write to CDC reinforcing their previous concerns. 3. No objections to plans for repairs and alterations including first floor bathroom at the Hermitage, Deddington, conditional on restricted window opening with frosted glass (or Velux window). 4. Approvals: Wesleyan Church Hall; Grove Lodge barn (conditional); chimney and windows at Green Courts. 5. Refusals: Houses at Batchelors Row, Hempton; demolition of timberclad and stone building at St John's Way, Hempton; Kings Arms information boards at Holly Tree Club. 6. CDC has agreed to retain the lay-by at High Street garage following successful application for change of use to dental surgery.

WINDMILL: 1. Badminton Club had met with the cttee to request special rate for use of facilities. The Club is in a critical financial position and claims it is paying too much for the hall. Cttee is unable to offer special terms to the Club, which still owes three months rent, and suggested it approaches CDC for help. 2. Investigations by the Sport Turf Research Institute showed a serious "thatch" problem with the green, exacerbated by weather conditions this year. Remedy is chemical treatment and hard work, which will result in a top quality surface. 3. There has been further minor vandalism at the Centre, together with two reports of theft of flowers and damage in the cemetery. Cllr Flux asked people to show more respect. 4. PC to provide another dog fouling sign near the all-weather court.

ACCOUNTS: PC funds currently total £624,697.62

FINANCIAL REPORT: 1. The Clerk presented an account of PC's expenditure and income on projects which have been financed from capital receipts. 2. Cllrs to look at existing projects, think about fresh ideas & report back to PC.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. In response to letter about traffic signs OCC says a review is planned although any changes would take some time. 2. The Bloxham to Oxford shoppers' bus service has been reviewed and the Clerk has details. 3. CDC says old style bus tokens will not be valid after April 1996. 4. Letter from local cyclist commenting on the poor surface of Clifton Road footpath and the dangers of using the road itself. Letter to be passed to OCC, who have told PC there is no money to improve the footpath. 5. As result of letter reporting rats and vermin on a grave in the cemetery, PC has put poison down. 6. Reply from OCC about traffic in High Street. Speeds & lorry use are not excessive and accident risk is low, so little can be done. PC to consider paying for "kill your speed" signs. 7. Letter from Clifton resident complaining about parking on footpath at Solar Designs and asking for Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village. 8. PC appalled at £893 quote to install water supply at cemetery. Cost includes £318 for meter and connection, £200 to Thames Water for "infrastructure" to cover increased demand, and £375 contractor's fees.

CLERK'S SALARY: Clerk's salary to increase by 2.6% from 1 June, in accordance with national guidelines.

CHURCH TOWER LIGHTING: The faculty has now been received and work has already begun to illuminate the Church tower at night. A trial run followed the meeting and the church looked magnificent against the night sky.

NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday, 13 September at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

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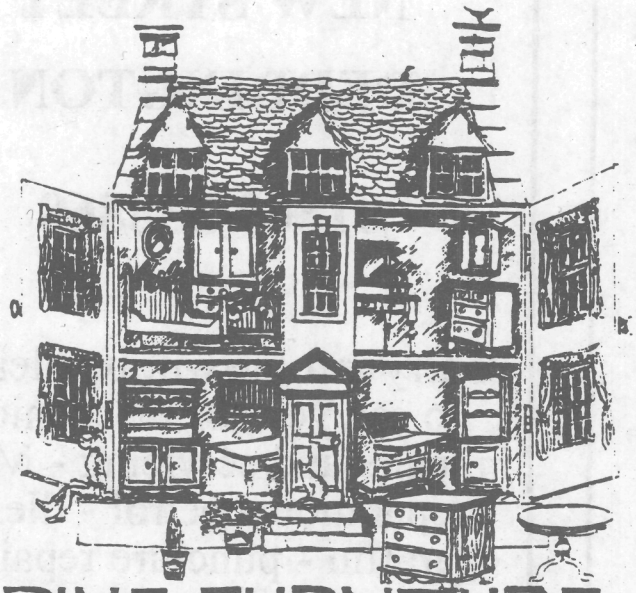

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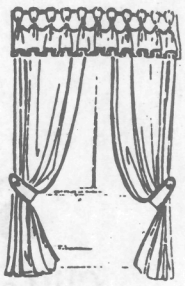

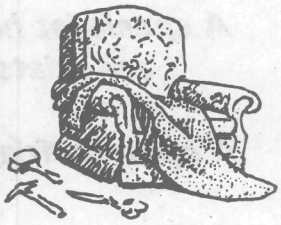

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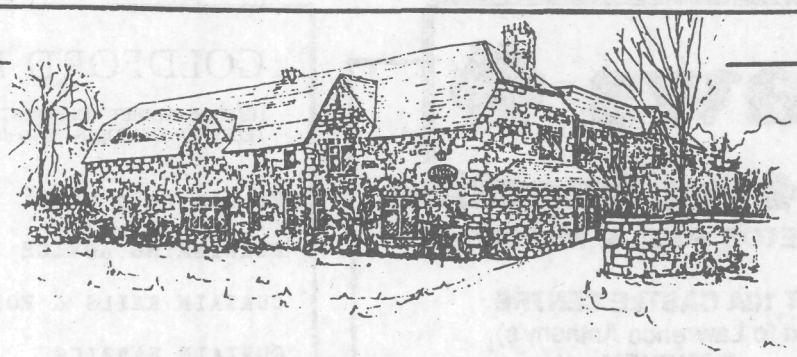

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

An election was held on 3 August to fill the vacancy left on the PC by Ken Bowen's departure from Deddington. The new Parish Councillor is **Brian Cosgrove, Pathfinder Cottage, The Lane, Hempton.** This means that both Hempton and Clifton are now represented on the P.C.

CHURCH ILLUMINATED TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARIES - Many villagers will have noticed that the church tower of St Peter and St Paul has been illuminated. This follows the PC's decision to commemorate the 50th Anniversaries of VE and VJ Days and the founding of the United Nations. The PC, aided by a grant from Cherwell District Council, has provided floodlights to enable Deddington's well known landmark to be lit up to mark special occasions. It is also felt appropriate for it to be illuminated at the request of individual parishioners to commemorate or celebrate any events very special to them.
If you are interested please contact David Blakey (337447) or me (338532). A donation to offset the cost of electricity would be welcomed.

Geoff Todd, Chairman Parish Council

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT !!!

Your managing editor is shortly off to Australia for six weeks entirely thanks to **Norman and Angela Stone** who have agreed to lead the editorial team for the DN'S **October and November issues.**
As everyone who has lived in Deddington for more than 18 months will know, Angela and Norman were the DN'S Editors for seven years prior to that, so it couldn't be in better hands.
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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

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September Services (*Parish Church*).

Sun 10 10.30am Family Pets' Service and Holy Communion.

Wed 13 10am Holy Communion.

Sun 17 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins(BCP).

Wed 20 10am Holy Communion.

Sun 24 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Preacher: Sister Betty Smith of the Church Army).

Wed 27 10am Holy Communion followed by Service for Healing.

Sun 1 October 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL Family Communion Service Followed by HARVEST LUNCH in Church.

September Services (*St John, Hempton*).

Sun 17 9am Eucharist.

Sun 24 6pm HARVEST FESTIVAL Evensong. After the service there will be an auction of Harvest produce for Christian Aid.

Children's Church (under 8 yrs) and Church Junior Club (8-12 years) will begin their new session on Sunday 10 September when children and their parents (and pets!) are invited to church at 10.30am for the Pets' Service. On Sundays 17 and 24 September the children will meet in Deddington Primary School at 10.15am. On Sun 1 October they will meet in church for the Harvest Festival at 10.30am.

Squeals and wheels Service for toddlers will be held on Thursday 7 September at 2pm at Deddington Church.

.....Meanwhile, the Youth Fellowship enjoyed the Bank Holiday at the Greenbelt Arts Festival!

Deddington Church Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, 7 September at 7.45pm in Corner Cottage (Mrs. H. Hall), Chapel Square, Deddington.

Parish Bible Study Group will meet on Monday, 11 September at 2pm in 15 Grove Court, Deddington (Mrs P. Ridd).

Pets' Service. Sunday 10 September at 10.30am in the Parish Church. You are welcome to bring your pet(s) to church for a blessing. Fay Poggi and Ted Johnson will speak about the work of the RSPCA. There will be a display of literature and an opportunity to contribute financially to their work.

Harvest Services.

Hempton Church - 24 September at 6pm. After Evensong there will be refreshments and an auction of produce. Please take gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables and tins to church on Friday 22 September 10am - 4pm, on Saturday 23 September 9-10am, or to Mrs Pam Dodd at "The Stores", Hempton, or to the service.

Deddington Church - 1 October, 10.30am. Please take gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, tins, etc. to church on Friday 29 September 2-5pm or Saturday 30 September 9-10am or to the service. After the service there will be a Harvest Lunch in church. Further information and tickets from Josie Stevens (338305). Harvest festivals this year take place at the time of the 50th Birthday of Christian Aid.

House-to-House Collection. Please find enclosed letter and envelope for your contribution towards Deddington Church's new heating system (Clifton and Deddington) and Hempton Church repairs (Hempton). Thank you for any support you can give. Thanks to the Parish Council for providing lights to illuminate the Deddington Church tower. The display case containing the Letters Patent for the grant of the Coat-of-Arms can be seen on the north wall of the church. Thanks also to Deddington Cricket Club and the Windmill Centre for the use of their facilities for our cricket match against St. Matthew's, Oxford (we won!).

Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride will be held on Saturday 9 September 10am-6pm. We are grateful to all taking part or sponsoring cyclists.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS: in Deddington, 6 Aug. LEWIS AARON WILLIAMS and CHARLOTTE ANNA WOODWARDS.

WEDDINGS: in Deddington,

22 July. PAUL ANDREW RAFFERTY and JACQUELINE MARY ABEL.

29 July. CHARLES THOMAS DODD and SHARON ANGELA BROOKER.

5 August. TIMOTHY JOHN GIBBS and SHARON LOUISE ALMOND.

FUNERAL: in Deddington,

19 July. ELSIE MARY PEACE CHURCHILL, aged 76 years.

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I M P O R T A N T: PLEASE NOTE TEMPORARY CHANGE IN DN EDITORSHIP REPORTED ON PAGE 3

CHURCH AND CHAPEL cont.

DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

September Services: Sun 10 & 17 10.30am - Pastor I. Walton.
Sun 24 10.30am - John Burston. October Services:
Sun 1 10.30am - Holy Communion - Pastor I. Walton.

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INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

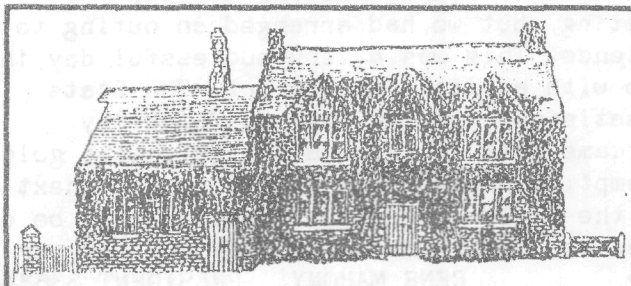
Monday 2 October - Ecumenical Prayer Group - will meet at 7.45pm in the Wesleyan Reform Church.

ADVANCE NOTICE. The "Shoresh" Concert with Adrian Snell will be on Sunday 19 November at 7.30pm in Deddington Church. Tickets (£5) available from Tuckers Stores.

TRIBUTES.

ELSIE MARY PEACE CHURCHILL, aged 76 years. Mary was born in Deddington in 1919 and went to school here, then going into service with local families. During the last war, she worked in Duffields in Adderbury then, in 1944, she married Howard, an American serviceman, and they had a daughter, Barbara. Her second marriage, in 1949, was to Jack and they had three children, John, Anne and Deborah. She then worked for several people and was particularly renowned for her cooking! After Jack died in 1969, Mary had a number of moves, finally residing in Bodicote.

KEN REEVES.



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In July members were able to see an excellent Video produced by Mr.John Baseley, of his three month trip exploring the Murray River in South Australia. Later that month I was pleased to show slides of various trips, both in the UK and Overseas. I hope members enjoyed them. The outings to Hidcote Gardens and the Thames River Trip, both enhanced by glorious weather, were enjoyed by all. We were pleased to join the members of the Duns Tew Monday Club on the boat trip. Then came Angela Ormond's garden party, which went with a swing, despite the change of weather. An exhibition of the work of her Monday afternoon painting classes received due praise.

The Group is for retired people of any age. Apart from the fortnightly Wednesday afternoon meetings at the Windmill Centre, Special Interest groups might be just the thing for you. There is Drawing, Painting, Clapper Bells, Scrabble, Bridge, Creative Writing, as well as a monthly lunch party. It is a happy, friendly group and new members are welcome.

For more details please phone me. PAT BRITTAIN 338685

DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB

One door shuts and another opens. After three years Deddington Youth Club is ringing the changes with the original committee standing down and a new vigorous and dynamic committee taking over.

There are too many names to mention, but Diane Chatterton deserves a special thank-you for all her hard work. She organised and made frequent trips to the Cash and Carry keeping the Tuck-Shop well stocked and the members in line in her own inimitable style.

On behalf of all those involved in April 92 and to those who volunteered in the following three years we thank everyone who contributed. We would also like to wish Les Lane who remains Chairman and his new team of leaders all the very best for the future. The Club recommences 11 September, 6.30pm at the Windmill.

LES LANE, CHAIRMAN 338900

DEDDINGTON WI

The July meeting was well atended in spite of the start of the holiday season and we greatly enjoyed an amusing talk about being a Parson's wife for 40 years. August usually sees us without a formal meeting, but we had arranged an outing to Buckingham Palace for members and their friends. This was a very successful day in spite of the heat and well worth putting up with a little discomfort. The State Rooms were quite splendid and it was very satisfying to see that our Monarchy performed in proper grandeur. Many members came back to the coach with little gold carrier bags, the gift shop offered some tempting presents to take home. The next meeting will be on 12 September, 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Club. The talk will be on "British Deer". Visitors are always welcome, as are new members. Look out for our notices on the Town Hall and in the Library. RENE MAHONY, PRESIDENT 338348

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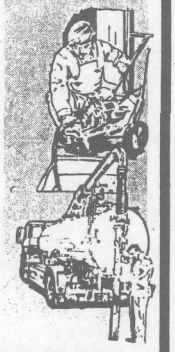

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

My last piece for the Deddington News!
Many thanks to everyone who supported the School Fete last Saturday. The rain would certainly have put some people off but I was amazed to see so many people there. Many thanks for staying for as long as you did - it was much appreciated!
The contract for the new classroom will be offered to J P Charles of Middleton Cheney, the same contractors who worked on the Infant classes. The work will commence in the summer holiday and should be completed by the new year.
My successor has been appointed. He is Mr Peter Goringe, the current Deputy Head-teacher of Bishop Loveday School, Bodicote. During the next few weeks we will be meeting so that I can hand over the reins., I am sure he will have much to offer the school and community and that, in his hands, the school will continue to flourish. Good luck Peter !!

JOHN MOFFITT

. . . and from Deddington PTA

Many thanks to everyone who turned out on a drizzly Saturday to support us at the **School Fete on 17 June.** A donation of half the raffle proceeds of £277 will be given to the Adam Phillips Dialysis Appeal. A big thank you to Mum, Dad and Adam for coming along to draw the first ticket.
John Moffitt will remember his final Deddington School Fete as the wettest ever and I'm not just referring to the inclement weather. We started off by giving him a "make over". Face painted Mr Moffitt, or Mrs Moffitt as he became known, then joined the Adderbury Morris Dancers for an impromptu turn. They did marvellously, with happily no injuries sustained from the "bashing of batons."
Mr. Moffitt then went on to the "rope walk" erected by the Scouts and progressed to the Banbury Army Cadets' Assault Course, in both cases to be attacked by sodden sponges. He was then to be at the mercy of the Deddington Fire Brigade, who earlier had put out a flaming car and rescued its (dummy) passenger, but they were called away and left the field sirens blaring.
Mr. Moffitt's final fate was jointly orchestrated by the Scouts, who had erected a pully at the top of a nearby tree, and the Fire Brigade who returned in time to secure him efficiently to a ladder high up in the boughs. "Stand clear!" came the cry - and with that the hose was turned on.
Always a good sport, particularly on Fete day, Mr. Moffitt's attractions this year more than compensated for the cancelled arena events. We would like to thank him for his active participation in PTA events and wish him good luck and every success in his new school.

MANDY HARPER, Chairman (337489)

DEDDINGTON PLAYSCHEME - This annual event for the 5-10-year-olds will be held at the Windmill Centre, 14-18 August, at the cost of £1.50 per day or £6 for the week. Forms can only be obtained from the school. We still need volunteers - no experience necessary.

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The opening of the Green, 28/29 March, went extremely well, particularly the game on 29 May, when we entertained a joint Oxon Bowling Ass./ Oxon Women's Bowling Ass. side. After the match a formal three course meal was arranged at the Windmill Centre and all present really enjoyed themselves. The Club is extremely grateful to Lois Humphries, Donna Humphries, Brenda Munson, Jan Boyt, Jan Carey and Mark Humphries for their hard work in preparing and presenting this meal.

Match Results:

Won: v Witney, v Fire Service, v Burma Star

Lost: v Banbury Central, v Representative Side, v Oxon Men and Ladies, v Hook Norton.

JOHN HUMPHREYS, SECRETARY 338130

DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Although the season should by now be in full swing, we seem to have barely started. A sequence of games hit by the weather, late cancellations or re-arrangements has meant a very fitful start to the campaign. but there has been a good deal of success to date, the Saturday XI are as yet unbeaten in the League and the Sunday XI have posted some large scores amongst some good wins. Andy Stiff is leading the way with the bat culminating with a century at Chesterton last week.

All our teams are particularly well turned out this year thanks to the provision of shirts by our two sponsors, Centrepoint and Weatherhead Electrical. Our thanks to both these companies and also to the other local businesses who helped so much with our stall at the Windmill Open Day.

PETER BLACKBURN 338117

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

Those of us who went to the Savill Gardens had a lovely day. It is fun to see magnificent Rhododendrons and Azaleas even if we can't grow them.

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ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

NETBALL

Under 14s

Congratulations to the U 14s who came second in the winter league and won the end of the season tournament, beating the league winners Spectrum A by 14 goals to 7. A special Well Done to Lara Chatterton for taking a trophy for "Player of the Year". The summer season has just started with Deddington winning their first game against Spectrum B 15-6.

Ladies

Deddington ladies have formed a team to compete in the Banbury and District Summer Netball League. They would like to express a big Thank You to Solar Designs who sponsored them with their kit, a very smart Blackwatch tartan. After the play-off in the preliminary rounds we were surprised to be grouped in the first division. It will be a very hard season, but a good challenge to all.

Reminder: Thursday is practice night at the Windmill; all ages are welcome.

B.LOWE 337108, M.COLLEY 338016

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

We began the term by putting on a small programme of entertainment, our own version of "Blue Peter" complete with a puppet show and dancing.Thanks to those attending we managed to raise £20 towards a project to open an adolescent ward at the JR2. We also had a cook-out in fine weather and a lovely evening hike taking in Adderbury and Bodicote. Our plans for the rest of the summer include a river crossing, games at Horley, another cook-out, various activities working for badges and preparing for camp. We are also looking forward to an evening meeting planned completely by Frances and Charlotte.

Four prospective guides have joined us and any girls of 10 or over are invited to come and meet us. They'd be most welcome. For further information please ring us.

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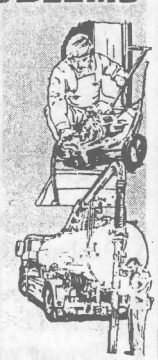

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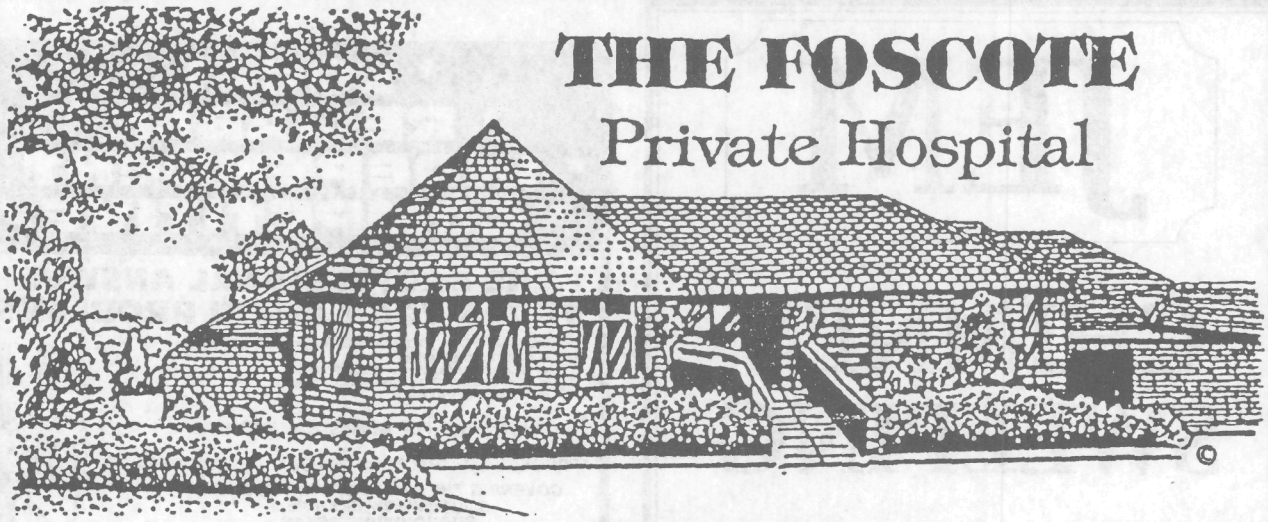

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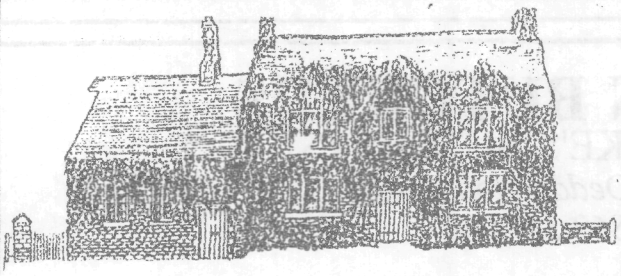
DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB

At a recent meeting at the Windmill twelve parents attended. The main agenda items were the future of the Club and the need for a new committee.
The current committee, with the exception of the Chairman, Les Lane, will resign at the end of this session. Three years is a reasonable time to be committed to the Club. With changes in the working environment of several of the original leaders and a real need for new blood, it is time to find and appoint a new committee.
There is a good core of about 25 parents who each attend about one in four sessions on a rota basis. But what is mainly needed is a Secretary and a Treasurer together with as many willing supporters as possible.
There was absolutely no doubt in the minds of the parents at the meeting that there was an essential need for a youth club in the village and a committee would be formed from those present to carry on the good work. It was also thought that perhaps a full time Youth Leader might provide some new ideas and might be better equipped to relate to the older members who are still conspicuous by their absence.
The retiring committee would like to thank everyone involved and the parents for their support and encouragement. We would also like to wish every success to the new committee.

TONY LOWE 337108

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Regretfully, Mrs. Rosemary Higham was unable to come to the meeting on 24 May, but her place was ably taken by Mrs. Ivy Gallaher and Mrs. Nellie Poole, members of the U3A. They entertained us with a synopsis of the book they have written together with their two sisters, entitled "Stone, Paper and Scissors".
Mr. John Knowland of the Cherwell District Council gave a talk on recycling, which we hope will inspire members to give that matter some thought.
The U3A had a Hotch Potch stall on the official opening of the Windmill Centre and we made £150, which will be donated to the Adam Phillips Dialysis Appeal Fund. The winning raffle prize tickets were: 299, 345, 289, 205 and 383. Incidentally, little Adam visited the stall with his father and won the second prize.
2 August A trip to Hidcote Gardens (NT), near Chipping Camden. It is one of the ↦



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PAT BRITTAIN 338685

DEDDINGTON WI

The June meeting was taken by Shirley Gibbs, the Vice-president, who gave us her report of the AGM at Blackpool. The main Resolutions were carried . They were 1) a Constitutional Amendment, 2) Food Labelling with special regard to products containing nut-oil, 3) The issuing of Identity Cards, after an amendment. Shirley had very much enjoyed the AGM and urged members to volunteer to go if the chance arose.
The meeting continued with a Treasure Hunt, very cleverly organised by Thelma Dover. It was done in Crossword clue fashion, which included Anagrams and the treasure , a bottle of Lambrusco, was finally identified by Angela Sones. Thank you, Thelma, for making us all think a little harder than usual about our village and its surroundings. After that we had Cheese and Wine, which were much enjoyed. The cheeses which came from the Deddington Butchers were particularly good. A very good evening.
Next meeting will be on 11 July, 7.30pm, HTC. In future notices will be posted in the Library, the Church porch and on the Town Hall notice board.
Please note that we shall need to collect the £5 coach fare for the Buckingham Palace trip at the July meeting.

RENE MAHONY, PRESIDENT 338438

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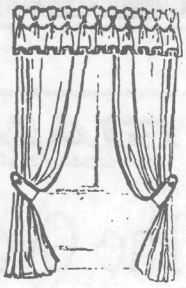

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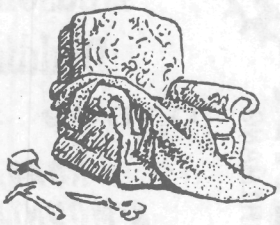

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM ELIZABETH TOTHILL, HIGH STREET, DEDDINGTON

My mother, Gwen Viney, was very touched by all the cards, visits and telephone enquiries she received during her short illness in the Horton General Hospital. She wished me to thank you all for your kindness to a very new resident. I add my thanks to hers.

FROM MRS DOROTHY LINES, HOLLY TREE COTTAGES

I am writing to thank all my friends for the lovely presents, flowers and cards they sent for my 80th birthday, and for making that day so very special. And a very special Thank You to my daughters Shirley, Marguerite and Janet for making it such a wonderful day. I shall never forget.

FROM FIVE CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER BY MRS SUE LANE, REGISTERED CHILDMINDER, HEMPTON

Once upon a Park - yes, folks, this is our final rhyme,
you see, our problem has been solved - it's definite this time,
We asked for a set of toddler swings back in April '92
and last month they were delivered in bright colours of yellow and blue.

Well, we're thrilled to let you know that our needs have now been met,
not one but four new bucket swings in soft tarmac are set,
and to add some fun, a wobbly bridge, four slides and a yellow tractor,
so it's thanks to Deddington P.C. - we're enjoying the feel-good factor.

Now although we love to laugh and often squeal with all our might,
we thank the neighbours in Mill Close for agreeing to this site.
But our child-minder Sue reminds us when we shriek a bit too loud,
that our Park would not be here but for this generous crowd.

Now, finally, to a few children we shall make a heartfelt plea,
don't etch your swearwords on our Park - please leave this one graffiti-free.
We love walking up to Deddington along our path from St John's Way
and we'll have years of fun on our new swings - a safe haven for us to play.

FROM JANE TAYLOR, AREA WATCH COORDINATOR, BANBURY POLICE STATION

Mr John Neild, who has been an excellent Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for this village, is standing down, and I should like to find one or two key people who could take over.

There are areas of the village without a street coordinator and this is one problem I should like to solve as soon as possible. Once we have a new village coordinator it might be a good idea, through the Parish Council, to relaunch Neighbourhood Watch in Deddington. Anyone interested in further information can contact me at Banbury Police Station or by telephone (mornings only) at 01865-266654.

FROM DATE KEATS (PC 926), HEMPTON ROAD, DEDDINGTON

On behalf of very many people (and as the son of a former Desert Rat) I should like to congratulate the committee which organised the VE Day commemoration display. Having been born at the outbreak of the war, I found this very interesting. My generation can vividly remember the post war years, with their shortages of food and clothing, and general austerity. I thought the mock-up of the wrecked Messerschmitt very well done and not at all in bad taste. I am sure that our German counterparts today would not have been offended.

We must all remember what the last war was fought about, and that without victory there would have been no survival. Captured German papers from that period leave no doubt that a Nazi occupation of Britain would not have been a gentle affair. To conclude, although I was quite young at the end of the war, the happiness and joy among all the adults of that time was apparent to me.

FROM JOANNA COX, 47 MILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON

If there is sufficient response I am considering offering Cecchetti ballet classes for boys and girls over 4 years old in September. I trained for three years in the West Street Ballet School in Covent Garden and have sung and danced professionally for a number of years. If there are sufficient numbers I will be able to offer classes. If you are interested please contact me on 337486.

DOWN ON THE FARM

What happened to 'blazing June'? Hay making is just about to start and if the weather does not improve it will be freeze dried instead of sun dried! Grass keep for the sheep is still short but is slowly improving. Winter feed could be in short supply this year as the first cuts of silage have only produced about half the normal amount and the hay crops do not look much better. But it is not all gloom and doom. The below-average temperatures and cold nights have kept the insect pests at bay and reduced the need to spray the crops with fungicide. With the cereal crops in ear, the beans setting and the oil seed rape pods filling out, insect pests can cause a lot of damage not only in the field but also after harvest when the grain is in store and will have to be controlled. All grain handling equipment and storage buildings must be cleaned and fumigated before the start of harvest. So I shall have to dig out the vacuum cleaner and find the knapsack sprayer, not forgetting the spray suit and face mask! The combine is in bits at the moment, being serviced ready for harvest and, oh dear, I hope I can remember which bit goes where!

The cold weather has made bee-keeping rather a painful pastime of late but this should improve if the weather warms up. The workshop Robin is now on with her third brood and is as tame as ever. She is a very cultured bird as she likes to sing along with classic FM on the radio. More Swallows have arrived, as have many other summer visitors; Sedge, Grasshopper and Reed warblers along with White-throats and Black Caps can be seen or heard along the river. Two pairs of King-fishers have nested this year and a pair of Swans have brought off 3 cygnets - I hope that the Mink will leave them alone. **GEORGE FENEMORE** (338203)

FROM THE WINDMILL CENTRE - The official Opening of the Centre was a great success with, it is estimated, over 500 people turning out in the somewhat inclement weather. Thanks to everybody who helped and supported the event; maybe we will make it an annual one. The committee have decided not to increase our hiring charges for this fiscal year, but we do appeal to clubs and individuals to pay their accounts on time to help us keep costs down. The committee continue with their programme of upgrading the facilities - the toilets now have tiled floors which are a great improvement. **JIM FLUX**

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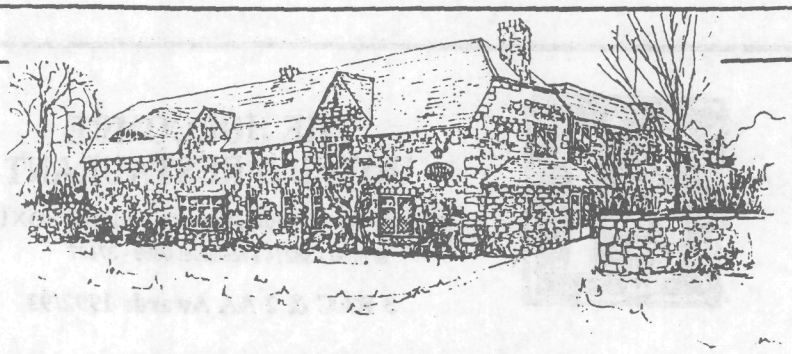

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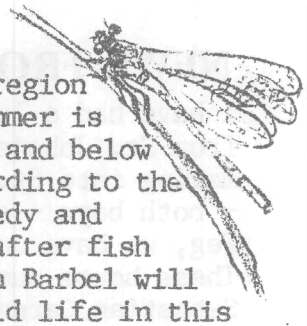

The River Cherwell is probably the most valuable habitat in this region along with the few remaining water meadows it supports. High Summer is a good time to investigate it as there is a lot of activity above and below the water. Rivers can be classified into different habitats according to the speed of the water. The Cherwell in this area is still quite speedy and could be classified as the Barbel zone (the five zones are named after fish typically found in that habitat but this does not necessarily mean Barbel will be found there.) I am not an angler and prefer to discuss the wild life in this habitat that does not need to be caught in order to be observed.

Some of the most interesting and easily observed are insects from the order Odenata, namely Dragon- and Damselflies. Dragonflies are familiar to most people with their fast whirring flight and often vivid colours, yellow, red and metallic blue/green; they cannot rest with their wings folded, they are always horizontal. Damselflies are delicate in comparison, with long slender bodies and flimsy wings which can be folded backwards when resting. Unlike Dragonflies, they cannot hover in flight. Both are skilled hunters, hunting by sight using their incredibly complex compound eyes. They patrol their territory waiting for an insect to fly past. The prey is captured in flight with the legs, held together to form a scoop net. If you are near water you will almost certainly see Damselflies mating. The male grasps the female on her thorax with a pair of claspers located at the end of his abdomen. The pair may remain in this position for some time, often until the female lays the eggs. To do this she will dip her abdomen below the water surface and deposit her eggs in the tissue of water plants.

How about some big game hunting ... well, two-inch long furry caterpillars. If you sit patiently by a small ditch where common reeds and marsh grasses grow, at sunset you may hear the caterpillars of the Drinker moth munching the grasses so noisily that they are easily located. They will now be very mature so if you want to try this you must go in the first few days of July. **JONATHAN HOOK** (338357)

FROM: ALLAN GIBBS, "Eboracum", 41 St John's Way, Hempton -

- A CHRISTMAS (CAROL) MESSAGE !!!

As some of you already know Gloria and I will be moving away from Deddington shortly so someone will be needed to lead the carol singing in the Market Place on Christmas Eve. The only talents required are the ability to count to three and knowledge of the carols. Why not have a go at leading - it's great fun!

I shall be leaving the carol sheets and bells with David Blakey, our Parish Clerk, at the Windmill Centre for collection.

Thanks to all of you who have made this event so memorable for me the past 2 years

(And OUR thanks to Allan Gibbs - Christmas in Deddington is inconceivable without carol singing in the Market Place. **Volunteers please!** - EDS.)

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To live in Deddington's my pleasure:
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To find what Cherwell Valley had to yield,
In shape of such sweet pastoral delights,
To one prepared to venture far afield.
Now they have all become familar sights:
Beguiling country-lanes provide the means
(Green Hedges, Cosy, Chapman's and Snake Hill)
To make my daily trek through lovely scenes
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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

I have had a lot of help this month from Sue Lane, who provided statistics from St. John's Way. She writes,"It's been lovely to see so many new families moving into St. John's Way in the last few months and we've welcomed two new babies - both boys - and another baby is due in August. So forget Mystic Meg and Septic Peg, we have our own trusted combination of lottery numbers to bring success! These house numbers have definitely provided a winning formula: 29 - New arrival Sebastian Garner, born 7 May; 43 - New family moving in July/August; 53 - New arrival Alexander Noons, born 29 October; 59 - New arrival. Tanya and Alan expect their baby in August; 61 - New family, Billie and Gary, daughter Ria, 10, and son Anton, 8; 65 - New family, Ben and Tracy and daughter Carlie, 11."

Also Les Chapell reminds me that Stonewalls Gardens will be open to the public on 16 July from 2 - 6pm. Friends of Hempton Church will provide refreshments at this event. This same weekend, Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July, St. John's Church will be open for an exhibition of photographs of Hempton village through the years. The church will be open from 10 am on Saturday and 2 pm on Sunday. The church now possesses a new organ, donated by Mr. Shafighian. Our grateful thanks go to him. You may already be aware that Kath Morris is organising for the Hempton Christmas Fair on 25 November. Let us hope she gets plenty of support. Please ring her on 338413 if you have any ideas. **NAN HARRIS** (338039)

CHERWELL IN BLOOM COMPETITION : If, like some of us, you thought "In Bloom" was only for communities and institutions, read on!

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Community effort section

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Commercial Section

10) Best Floral Display in a shop window. 11) Best external Floral Display by small commercial premises or shop. 12) Best Floral Display by large industrial or commercial premises. 13) Best Floral Display by small commercial premises or shop. 14) n/a 15) Best Floral Display by Public House within district (excl. Banbury) 16) Best Floral Display by large Hotel within District (excl. Banbury)

ENTRY FORMS(to be completed by 16.8.1995) can be obtained from David Blakey, the Clerk of the Parish Council (338686). We are also entering the **Best Kept Village Competition**, to be judged in early July, so please make a big effort!

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

Fire calls : Another quiet month call-wise with only 13 calls received: 1 fire involving fibre glass moulds at Smiths Sand Pit, Duns Tew; 4 kitchen fires; 1 waste paper bank on fire; 2 rubbish fires; 1 petrol spillage; 3 false alarms with good intent; 1 malicious false alarm and 1 call to stand by at Banbury. This brings the total to 87 so far this year, 50 less than last year, partly because the Station is still off the run in the daytime due to insufficient personnel.

Training : Mark Rogers has now completed both his basic training course and his breathing apparatus course at the Brigade Training School at Didcot. He passed both courses with flying colours and he is now qualified to wear breathing apparatus on incidents. Well done, Mark.

Recruiting : We are still praying for volunteers. So far no one has applied. As I have said before, perhaps there are some (male or female) who may be thinking about joining but are not quite sure. If so, then please come and see me or phone me on 338943. Remember we are very much a vital public service which is funded from your Council Tax and at this present time we at Deddington cannot give the service that we would be able to had we more personnel. **ALBERT HUMPHRIES** (338943)

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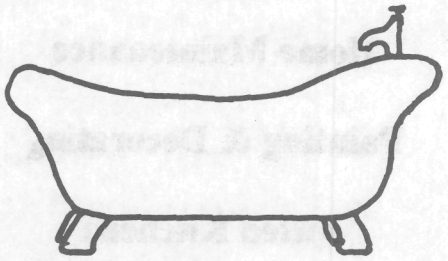

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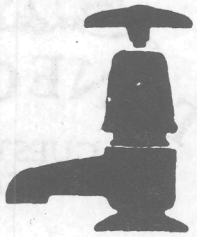

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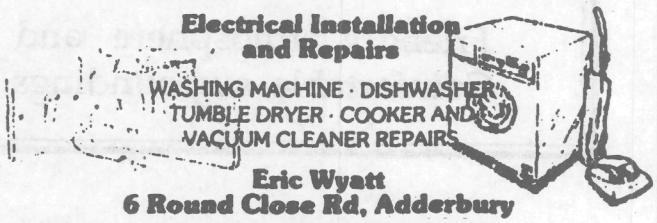

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THE WAY WE WERE

Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood.

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for 1845:

5th JUNE - A grand tea drinking as usual once in the year at Calcutt's Barn for the Wesleyan Chapel school children.
9th-11th JUNE - Went to London by coach and stayed at Ibbotson's Hotel, and met Betsie on her return from school. Betsie and I went to Lord Elson's to luncheon and afterwards took an airing for an hour and a half with him in his carriage in the Regent's Park. We afterwards went to the play at Drury Lane Theatre.
21st JUNE - We were busy carrying hay all day from the little and great meadows - we began mowing Plank Meadow, a famous crop indeed, carried 16 loads of hay.
28th JUNE - The boys caught two eels in our brook.
8th JULY - a Wool Fair was held at Banbury today for the first time as an experiment - a Dinner took place afterwards at the Red Lion Inn, Mr. Hall of Astrop in the Chair. I sent my clip of wool to be sold thereat by Mr. Stilgoe, 30 todds which were sold for 33/- per tod.
9th JULY - Mr. Davis' servant from Swerford came over here with a man caught taking up night lines, duly baited and placed in Mr. Davis' large trout pond - I convicted him in the sum of 30/-d. inclusive of costs to be paid by the 2nd of August or he will be sent to prison for 3 weeks. A travelling woman calling herself the wife of a deceased Clergyman came to beg - sent her away deeming her story an improbable one - and she a notorious beggar.

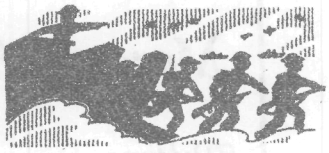
. . . and 50 or so years ago

The last of DAISY SHREWSBURY's 3-part reminiscences of Deddington at war brings the conflict closer to home .....

Deddington had its fair share of evacuees. Some of them found "good country husbands" and put down their own roots in this part of the world. Despite seeming more remote than today Deddington was kept very aware of what was going on just over the horizon, and not just because of the soldiers and evacuees billeted here, and later the prisoners of war put to work on the farms. Daisy joined the Civil Defence to learn how to help out in case of disaster, though fortunately this never came. But "we could hear the German bombers droning overhead sounding much heavier on the way over than on the return after they'd dropped their bombs." And from the Hempton Road you could see the light in the sky marking fires in Birmingham and Coventry. Daisy remembers that a dummy was made of the Alcan factory some distance from the real one and that it actually was bombed. There was also a memory of a German bomber hedge-hopping to avoid detection, and dropping a bomb somewhere towards Kidlington. Her mother-in-law and sister-in-law saw it that Sunday afternoon while taking the children out for a walk.
"Families seemed to go out for walks together much more then," Daisy muses. Just as it was much more usual to go out flower picking. Of course there were more wild flowers and it wasn't discouraged then - especially primrosing and bluebelling or, come February or March, going over to Tackley for fronds of pussy willow.
We asked Daisy about VE Day. They'd gone on an outing to visit an aunt at Tiddington near Stratford on Avon, she told us - and didn't even realise it was VE Day until they got home...

SSN

.....while from far across the world HUGH SPOTTISWOODE returned with very different memories



As an Indian Army transport officer serving in Burma in "19 Div" (The 19th Indian (Dagger) Divison ... part of the 'Forgotten' 14th Army) my particular memories of 1945 are briefly:
1. Feb '45, "19 Div" (12000 British & Indian soldiers plus mules, guns & lorries) crossed the Irrawaddy river in little outboard motor boats, the Japanese being short of resources to hurl us back. Our soldiers battled with great success but men & mules were to lose their lives.
2. In March on Mandalay Hill, I watched Allied planes bombing Mandalay Fort (1½ miles square). Some bombs fell outside the Fort and tragically killed several British & Indian troops. Our medium gunners shelled the Fort's solid walls over ↦

THE WAY WE WERE ... (cont'd)

open sights without success ... walls too solid!

3. 19 March, "19 Div" took Mandalay and the Union Jack was proudly raised in the presence of Mountbatten and General Slim.

4. On VE Day, stupendous news that the war in Europe was over. Our war in Burma, however, continued and I do not recall jollifications, our pressing concern being to win & survive the Japanese war and then go home. 3 years East was enough!

5. On VJ Day I was passing through Calcutta en route from Toungoo (S of Mandalay) to Peshawar in NW India for leave. I was alone when the news broke, so there was no one with me to celebrate and thank God for the bombs that ended World War Two. There was to be a fourth year, however, before my return to UK came about.

My associations with "19 Div" (43-46), with 14th Army (44/45) & 'The Road to Mandalay' are now proud and priceless memories and I am lucky to have them. Nevertheless Burma was only one theatre of WW2 and it is with a profound sense of humility that one remembers ALL theatres and ALL one's contemporaries who paid the supreme sacrifice and did not come back ... heroes all. **HS**

THE ADAM PHILLIPS DIALYSIS APPEAL

FROM ALEXANDER SODDY:

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who came to Deddington Parish Church to listen to me play the piano on May 21. I was really surprised to see so many people; the final audience was 160. With ticket sales and some donations we were able to give Adam a cheque for £460.

Lots of people helped - so a big thank you, too, to Ian Sloan from Centrepoint for the printing and help with the publicity; to John Parkinson and his men for find and transporting the grand piano and Mr Hopkins for tuning it; to the Post Office staff for selling tickets and promoting the concert; to The Kings Arms, The Blacksmiths Forge, The Unicorn Inn and The Crown and Tuns who supplied the wine for the interval; to Bob Boot of A.R.B.,Banbury for lending us a very expensive sound system; and not least to Rev Ken Reeves for allowing us to use the church, and to James Marmion and all the ladies who helped in the interval. THANK YOU!

FROM BOB AND VANNESSA PHILLIPS - An update...

The Appeal for a portable dialysis machine for Adam was started in February. It has gone well beyond our wildest expectations and has now reached £20,000. One machine has already been purchased and donated to the Great Ormond Street Hospital and is being used for another child. Our deepest thanks to everyone.

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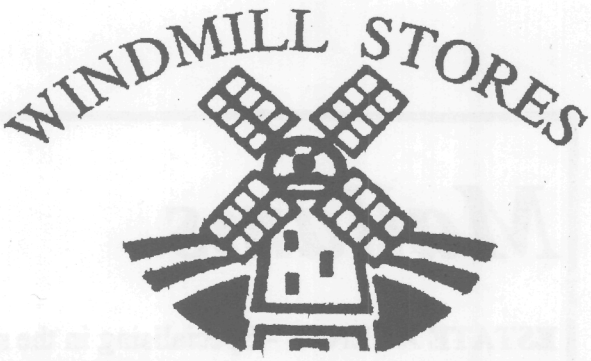

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